

SENATE RESOLUTION 60
By Person, Curtis

A RESOLUTION to commend and express sincere appreciation to Matthew Douglas Legge for his exceptional work during the first session of the 103rd General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Matthew Douglas Legge is a five-year resident of Shelby County, and was formerly a resident of Crittenden County, located in Eastern Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Matthew is the loving son of Douglas Sidney Legge, Jr. and Mary Gail Legge, brother of Mark Andrew Legge and John Daniel Legge, and grandson of Tracy Jean Phillips and Virginia Alice Legge; and

WHEREAS, Matthew is a Junior at the University of Memphis, majoring in Political Science with ambitions of attending law school after graduation from the University; and

WHEREAS, after a difficult interview process held by the University of Memphis for the position of legislative intern, Matthew was selected out of many applicants for this internship and assigned to work for Senator Curtis S. Person, Jr. of Shelby County along with the Senate Judiciary Committee, which Senator Person chairs; and

WHEREAS, it is sometimes misunderstood or simply unknown by persons outside of the legislative process how much work an intern actually does for the Tennessee General Assembly, much of which is done behind the scenes; and

WHEREAS, Matthew worked as Senator Person's personal intern during his time at the State Capitol, where his duties included providing constituent services, assisting Senator Person with numerous tasks, and providing important technical support regarding the computer systems in the Senator's office; and

WHEREAS, Matthew also worked with the Senate Judiciary Committee and in very little time became extremely efficient at the work and duties that this position involves; and

WHEREAS, Matthew participated in much of the difficult and demanding after-hours work involved in serving as Senator Person's personal intern and in the running of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, many additional hours were spent putting together Bill Summary packets for all the members of the committee and others; and

WHEREAS, many more hours were spent creating templates for different tasks which would increase productivity for his successors and for other positions in the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, upon moving to Nashville, Matthew did not know anyone in the city; however, he developed strong friendships with two of his colleagues, Mr. Bob Simms and Mr. Lance Wray, both of which will certainly last long after Matthew's return to Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to recognize Matthew's tremendous contribution to Senator Person, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and ultimately to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Matthew Douglas

Legge on his fine service as Senator Person's personal intern as well as Senate Judiciary Committee assistant, and wish him much success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two copies of this resolution, with this final clause omitted, be presented to Matthew Legge.